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October 5, 1953

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. George Morgan, Acting Deputy Executive Officer,  
Operations Coordinating Board

SUBJECT : Terms of Reference for a Working Group to Coordinate  
Implementation of PSB D-23

REFERENCE : NSC Action No. 900

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An interdepartmental working group met on September 28, 1953 to consider recommendations to the OCB on the coordination of actions taken under PSB D-23.

This group, composed of individuals familiar with the agency responsibilities assigned in the paper, and with the climate of opinion sought by it, recommends that:

1. In general, coordination be accomplished with a minimum of formality;
2. Primary responsibility for operations arising out of the plan remain with the agencies;
3. Agency arrangements for implementation of Phase I be completed not later than November 15;
4. Implementation of agency tasks and their coordination, when necessary, need not await completion of all operational planning; some projects should be started immediately;
5. A working group, chaired by the representative of the Department of State, with an Executive Secretary from the OCB staff, be set up to facilitate inter-agency coordination in accordance with Section 2 of the OCB Executive Order; (this working group is not intended to replace normal inter-agency procedures for coordination;\*)
6. The Chairman and Executive Secretary maintain close contact, wherever feasible, with activities within the scope of the paper, and request group consultation as necessary;
7. The working group report on implementation to the OCB by February 1, 1954, and thereafter as directed.

\* State proposal, not concurred in by other agency representatives.

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